

STRIKE CALL ON ALL RAILROADS AGAIN IMPENDS

Brotherhood Leaders Feel They
Were "Buncoed" by Last
Congress.

CHIEFS TO MEET THURSDAY

Men Oppose New Adamson Bill
Providing Straight Eight-
Hour Day.

The threat of a general railroad
strike, paralyzing the nation's trans-
portation and business, was renewed
today.

Following a conference between
Warren A. Stone, grand chief of the
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engi-
neers, and H. E. Lewis, legislative
agent of that brotherhood, the word
went out that a strike call is more
than a possibility.

The feeling of railroad leaders that
they were "buncoed" in the legisla-
tion adopted by the last Congress to
avert a rail strike, and the bitter
opposition to the rail road bill, the
Adamson bill, introduced yesterday,
to "put teeth" in the Adamson law,
now under fire, have combined to
create a new strike crisis.

Labor Chiefs Meet Thursday.
President Stone, of the engineers,
at the Willard today, refused to make
an authoritative statement, as he
has not yet conferred with his asso-
ciated railroad leaders.

A conference of chiefs of the four
brotherhoods will be held at Chicago
Thursday. There were reports today
that at this conference a strike call
may be issued under the blanket au-
thority given their leaders by the
men. Mr. Stone would not discuss
this.

The railroad brotherhoods will not
be represented by counsel when argu-
ments in the Adamson law are heard
by the United States Supreme Court
tomorrow. President Stone said to-
day. Mr. Stone added that he would
be present to hear the arguments.

President Stone would not discuss
the new Adamson bill, which is de-
signed to supplement the present
Adamson law, but it is known he is
unfavorably opposed to its provisions.

Leaders Oppose New Bill.
Other labor leaders attacked the
new Adamson bill as distinctly in-
imical to the interest of the men. The
provisions of the new bill which the
railroad men will oppose are:

That preventing any railroad em-
ployee from working more than eight
hours without the consent of the in-
terstate Commerce Commission.

That providing compulsory arbitra-
tion and prohibiting strikes while
rail disputes are under investigation.
That empowering the President to
commandeer and operate the lines of
railroads while strikes are pending,
which it is feared would compel the
men to remain in operation of trains
while disputes were under arbitra-
tion.

Straight Eight-Hour Law.
"The railroads have said the present
Adamson law is a wage law and not
an eight-hour law," Congress-
man Adamson said today in explana-
tion of his new measure. "The new
bill is a straight out-and-out eight-
hour law."

Railroad brotherhood leaders have
resisted eight-hour legislation in the
past. What they have sought is the
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\$10,000 FOR UNIVERSITY

T. Herbert Shriver Leaves Bequest
to Catholic Institution.

\$10,000 has been bequeathed to
the Catholic University of America
by the terms of the will of T. Her-
bert Shriver, a wealthy resident of
Westminster, Md., filed for probate
with the register of wills for Carroll
county yesterday. No restrictions are
placed on the bequest.

Shriver made bequests aggregating
\$30,000 to Catholic educational and
charitable organizations, including
sums of \$500 for Cardinal Gibbons,
and \$1,000 for the St. Vincent de Paul
Society of Baltimore.

Other beneficiaries under the will
are St. Joseph's House of Industry,
\$2,500; St. Elizabeth's Home, Balti-
more, \$5,000; St. Vincent's Infant
Asylum, Baltimore, \$1,000; St. Vin-
cent's male Orphan Asylum, \$1,000;
the Little Sisters of the Poor, \$1,000;
and the Baltimore House of the Good
Shepherd, \$1,000.

WATER DAMAGES CAESAR

Mantell Shakespearean Company
Manager Breaks the News.

This water is a dangerous thing.
Sometimes, they tell us, it rusts
one's in-laws. Sometimes it gets in
our shoes and gives us colds. And
now it has just added in a twentieth
century reproduction of the assassina-
tion of Julius Caesar.

Julius is dead—that is as far as
Washington is concerned, for the next
week.

This morning L. Stoddard Taylor,
manager of the Belasco Theater, re-
ceived this wire from J. B. Dickson,
manager of the Robert B. Mantell
Shakespearean Company, which is to
appear here beginning tomorrow:

THIS HOLD-UP MAN A REAL NICE CHAP

Will Allow Victim to Redeem
Jewels—What Could
Be Fairer?

If you are wending your way home
in the wee sma' hours of the morn-
ing, say about 1:30 o'clock, and a man
approaches you and asks you to take
a walk, don't do it.

Robert W. Shoemaker, 3113 P street
northwest, told the police that while
he was at Connecticut avenue and H
street northwest this morning after
1 o'clock, a white man approached
him and suggests a stroll.

Robert went.
When they approached Thirteenth
and L streets northwest, the man
asked Shoemaker for his money.
There was nothing left for Shoemaker
to do but hand it out—fifty cents,
there was. The man further took a
gold band ring, set with four jewels,
valued at \$20, and a gold watch chain.

But the hold-up man was a nice
man. He gave Robert back his
watch—with one condition. The con-
dition was that Robert meet him to-
night at Fourteenth and O streets
northwest, and bring with him enough
money to redeem the jewels.

Now, what could be fairer?

FEAR OF U-BOATS HOLDS UP LINERS

This Reason Advanced, Though
Companies Give Coal Short-
age as Cause.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Three trans-
atlantic liners—the St. Louis, Espagne
and Nieuw Amsterdam—are being held
back with no definite hour set for their
sailings.

According to previously announced
schedules all should now be well on
their way across the Atlantic. Officials
of the companies operating the steam-
ship say the delay is due to the short-
age of bituminous coal. But it was
learned yesterday from an authorita-
tive source that they have been de-
tained under orders from the British
admiralty.

Within the week just past a German
war submarine had been sighted off
Nantuxet Lightship, it is stated. It
is known that captains of incoming liners
have steered their ships into the port
far from the established lanes of trans-
atlantic travel, thus giving Nantuxet
a wide berth.

No Wireless Warning.

At no time within the last ten days
has it been reported that British
cruisers patrolling the Atlantic off
this coast have sent out any wireless
warnings of a submarine in that
vicinity. But it is pointed out that
had such been the case none of the
captains would have admitted the re-
ceipt of such a warning. On the other
hand, these same captains have told
of receiving word of the presence in
the Atlantic of a German raider.

It is believed that by their willing-
ness to make known what they knew
of the raider they sought to conceal
the presence of a U-boat in these
waters until the British cruisers suc-
ceeded in locating her and, if possible,
capturing or sinking her.

Held Up Pending Conference.

It is thought the three detained
liners and other steamships scheduled
to sail within the next few days will
be held up until the conclusion of im-
portant conferences now being held in
Rome and Berlin. In Rome high
officials of the entente have gathered,
while the conference in Berlin is being
attended by representatives of the
central powers.

The connection between these con-
ferences and the holding up of ship-
ping from this port is easily traced.
It is declared that upon the outcome
of these conferences hangs Germany's
intention to prosecute again, immedi-
ately and vigorously her U-boat cam-
paign against neutral shipping.

According to the report, Germany
now has a fleet of war submarines
placed advantageously in the Atlantic
ready instantly to carry on a ruthless
campaign.

EGGS HEADED FOR \$1 MARK

Hens on Strike, With No Relief in
Sight.

Eggs are headed for a record price
of \$1 a dozen.

Dealers state today that if cold
weather continues there is no limit
to the price that eggs will bring.

A dozen sterile fresh eggs sold
yesterday for 70 cents at many up-
town stores. There is no reason for
the strike of the hens apparently, but
it is a fact, nevertheless, that they
are not doing their duty.

Warm weather is the only hope to
cut the price of eggs. The cold stor-
age men also are said to be holding
down the price of eggs. The hun-
dreds of crates that are being poured
on the market are being bought
rapidly, thus keeping the price of
strictly fresh eggs down.

HIT BY STRAY SHOT.

Prick Wagner, thirteen years old, 149
D street southeast, received a small
flesh wound in the arm last night, when
he was struck by a stray bullet from
the National Rifle Association target
range. The shot is supposed to have
come from a boy thirteen years old,
1114 Four-and-a-half street southwest,
who was firing a small rifle.

The shooting was accidental and Patrick
only slightly injured.

LANSING FAILED TO ENROLL.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Rob-
ert Lansing, Secretary of State, is not
an enrolled voter. It became known
today that Mr. Lansing failed to enroll
with any party when he registered
last fall.

REFERENDUM UP IN 2 MEETINGS

Sentiment of D. C. Registered
For and Against "Home
Rule."

'DRYS' GATHER AT NATIONAL

Forces Favoring Underwood
Amendment Meet This After-
noon at Poli's.

The sentiment of Washington both
for and against the proposed referen-
dum on prohibition is being register-
ed this afternoon at the two big mass
meetings. One meeting is held in the
interests of a referendum vote; the
other will take action opposing any
course by Congress that would leave
the question of prohibition to the
citizens of the District.

To discuss the question, "Do you
want a referendum on the settlement
of what is deemed best for the citi-
zens of the District," the District of
Columbia Referendum Association is
holding a mass meeting in Poli's
Theater. The society has the sup-
port, it is declared, of the Board of
Trade, the Retail Merchants' Associa-
tion, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Prohibition Workers Gather.
Meanwhile the forces of prohibi-
tion, opposed to the referendum, gathered
beneath the banners of the Anti-
Saloon League in a mass meeting
held at the New National Theater.

There is the question of endorsing
the Sheppard prohibition bill, which
comes up for a vote in the Senate on
Tuesday, with the present Underwood
amendment providing for a referen-
dum curbed, will be discussed by
prominent citizens, and temperance
leaders.

The District of Columbia Referen-
dum Association, according to Chair-
man William F. Gude and Secretary
Charles J. Colquhoun, is pledged to
work for legislation on all matters
affecting the general welfare of the
citizens of the District. They will
start on the ground that the referen-
dum or suffrage on all questions vital
to the District is necessary to the
further Americanization of the citi-
zens of the District of Columbia.

To Sound Public Opinion.

"The citizens of the District have
been placed at a disadvantage with
their countrymen throughout the na-
tion by the denial of the inherent
right of participation in popular gov-
ernment," said a statement issued by
the committee. "It is in order to
give those who are interested in the
referendum idea an opportunity to
express their desires that the referen-
dum mass meeting has been planned
for Poli's this afternoon."

At the New National the Rev.
Samuel Small, of Georgia, and former
Judge of the juvenile Court, William
DeLacey will advocate the Sheppard
bill, and urge the defeat of the Under-
wood amendment. They will
speak on general prohibition.

A number of District societies, it
is announced, have pledged their
support to the meeting, among these
the Woman's Christian Temperance
Union, the Pastors' Federation, the
District Epworth League, the Chris-
tian Endeavor Union, the Washing-
ton Civic Association, the Good Tem-
plars, and the Sunday School Asso-
ciations of the District.

COST OF CRUISERS CUT

Bethlehem Steel Co. Will Reduce
Price 10 Per Cent.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—In response to
an appeal from Franklin D. Roose-
velt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy,
the Bethlehem Steel Company has an-
nounced that it would make a reduc-
tion of 10 per cent in the cost of
steel castings, rudder and turret fit-
tings, and other materials for the
four battle cruisers authorized at the
last session of Congress.

A similar reduction by other steel
companies, which furnish material to
the shipbuilding concerns for war
ships, it is said, will lower the cost
of each battle cruiser about \$1,000,000,
keeping it within the \$10,500,000 ap-
propriated by Congress for each
vessel.

Officials of the Bethlehem company
said that the reduction would be
made regardless of the quantity of
material supplied to the shipyards
which may obtain the contracts, and
regardless of whether any of the ships
are constructed by the Union Iron
Works or the Fort River Shipbuilding
Corporation, which are controlled by
the Bethlehem Steel Company.

In making public copies of tele-
grams which passed between Mr.
Roosevelt and E. G. Grace, president
of the Bethlehem company, it was
said that the action of the steel con-
cern was in line with the policy out-
lined in the recent utterances of
Charles M. Schwab, that the Bethle-
hem company did not desire to make
capital out of the military necessities
of the United States.

PRESS BUREAU FOR BRITISH

Planned to Relieve Ambassador of
Trouble, Is Report.

The establishment of a press "in-
formation" bureau in Washington or
New York is being seriously consid-
ered by the British government. The
object of the bureau would be to keep
American correspondents informed
of the British government's position
on questions in which Americans are
interested.

The British bureau, it is under-
stood, will offer only such information
as is requested of it, and the chief
reason for its establishment will be to
relieve Ambassador Spring-Rice of the
burden of furnishing this information,
so as to give him more time to devote
to his diplomatic duties.

TEUTONS ADMIT FOOD SHORTAGE

German Press Openly Declares
Conditions Are Almost
Unbearable.

BUREAUCRATS ARE BLAMED

More and More Drastic Curtail-
ment of Supplies Is
Hinted At.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The success of
the British blockade and the alarming
economic conditions which have re-
sulted are practically admitted now
by the German newspapers, which
openly discuss the danger of the
allies' starvation policy. Most of
them urge the people to bear up under
their privations and tighten their
belts.

The advice to bear sufferings silent-
ly is not to the liking of the Tagliche
Rundschau, which espouses the peo-
ple's cause, protesting against food
restrictions. It says:

"What are we to eat? As thought
the existing conditions were not bad
enough, signs now appear that the
food difficulties are about to be fur-
ther accentuated. Little by little the
belief is spreading in Berlin that this
will be arranged according to a pre-
conceived official plan, so as to mold
the population into the acceptance of
mass feeding."

Wants Honesty of Statement.

"We respectfully but energetically
ask the authorities to spare us such
schoolmaster drill and tactics. Let
them tell us honestly what they want
of us. We shall yield inevitably, as
we have already yielded to so many
privations and unreasonable hard-
ships."

"However, no noble heart will bear,
not even the noble, patient heart of
the German people, the conditions in
Berlin, which have become utterly
unbearable during the last few
days. Would we could for once take
a lesson from the Americans and
lynch a few of the bureaucrats who
seem to have nothing better to do
than to think out ever more impos-
sible ordinances and regulations re-
garding the requirements of our stom-
achs. We can absolutely bear no fur-
ther additions to them."

The Cologne Volkzeitung, however,

takes a different view and says:
"Whatever the outcome, the Ger-
man people must be prepared to suf-
fer. If our valor in the field avails
us not against a world of enemies
we must at least preserve our valor
at home and be prepared to endure
bravely whatever ill fate may have
in store for us."

Urges Courage on People.

The Berlin Kreuzzeitung says: "We
are not indifferent to the poignant
suffering of the German people. We
would, however, conjure our country-
men not to weaken, not to allow their
nerve to be slackened, not to behave
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CARDINAL RECEIVES

Baltimore Prelate Holds Annual
New Year Reception.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 7.—Cardinal Gib-
bons held his annual New Year recep-
tion today at his residence here, after
the solemn high mass at which he
presided and delivered a sermon.

The cardinal was in fine spirit as
he shook hands with the hundreds
who came to pay their respects to
him.

His sermon was on charity, particu-
larly that charity which this nation
in its prosperity owes to those peo-
ples across the water in their period
of adversity.

Among those who heard the cardin-
al and met him were many Protestants.
They attended as a tribute to his
years of usefulness as a citizen
of Baltimore and to his tact and di-
plomacy in managing the affairs of
the church.

The long line formed in the cathe-
dral gardens, marching through the
tall and imposing pillars of the Cathe-
dral street entrance portico, around
the lawn to the rear of the line en-
tered, passing into the south porch
where members of the cardinal's
household, the priests of the cathe-
dral, headed by Mgr. W. A. Fletcher,
gave a warm greeting to all.

DIE IN EATING CONTEST

Fills Mouth to Win \$5 Bet and Falls
Over Dead as Opponent Wins.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Jan. 7.—Appar-
ently vanquished in an eating contest
at a boarding house in Monessen, John
Busko, thirty-eight years old, endeav-
ored to win a \$5 wager by a spurt and
crammed a quantity of food into his
mouth. He choked and fell to dead,
while a score of boarders hilariously
applauded his opponent, James Ken-
der.

The men had an argument at the
nocturnal meal as to which could con-
sume the most food. Each posted a
wager of \$5, while the other boarders
agreed to pay for the provender.

Busko threw up his hands and fell
unconscious to the floor just as Ken-
der was being acclaimed the winner.
A physician was hurriedly called, but
Busko was dead before his arrival.
Kender refused to take the dead
man's money.

BELGIAN CHIEF DEAD.

HAVRE, France, Jan. 7.—Maximil-
ian Wilemans, chief of the Belgian
general staff, is dead of pneumonia
contracted in the trenches.

LEAKS AT WHITE HOUSE, SPIES HEM IN PRESIDENT, SAYS PROVIDENCE PAPER

Stage Set for Climax in Leak

Investigation at Capitol
Tomorrow Morning.

WITNESSES ARE POURING IN

Men of Every Type to Testify
Before Committee When
Hearing Is Resumed.

BARUCH NOW ON WAY HERE

Men High in Official Circles,
Financiers, and Reporters
All to Appear.

The stage is all set for the most
dramatic act in the Congressional in-
vestigation into the allegations that
advance information was given Wall
Street on President Wilson's peace
note.

The House Rules Committee has
prepared a list of the persons whose
names have been connected with the
alleged "leak," and coming from every
section today to appear before that
body, are men who have been sub-
poenaed.

Baruch On Way.

Bernard Baruch, the New York
broker, who is alleged to have "cleaned
up" the week preceding Christmas,
and whose name has been prominently
associated with the "leak" charges,
is on his way to Washington today,
and will appear before Chairman
Henry's committee, probably tomor-
row.

Baruch left Georgetown, S. C., yester-
day afternoon over the Seaboard
Air line, for New York. He an-
nounced that he would stop off in
Washington, Telegraphic dispatches
from South Carolina today state that
the broker still declined to reveal any
of the details of the statement he
had earlier sent Chairman Henry, in
Washington.

To Stay At Shoreham.

Baruch will stay at the Shoreham
while in Washington, a suite of rooms
already having been engaged for
him. Throughout the forenoon,
scores of telephone calls came into
the hotel from outsiders, asking if
the broker had arrived.

Men high in official circles, alleged
"leak operators" on the Stock Ex-
change, a banker, an attorney and
newspaper correspondents, are to ap-
pear tomorrow before the committee.

Range of Sensations.

These sensations may range from
the demand of Joseph P. Tumulty, se-
cretary to the President, that Congress-
man Wood of Indiana apologize for
bringing Tumulty's name into the
"leak" inquiry, to the heralded re-
velations by the spectacular financier,
Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston.

Seldom, if ever, has a Congressional
investigating committee announced
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BARRELS LABELED 'PICKLES'

Full of Flasks for "Dry" Virginians,
Is Charge.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 7.—Hilliard H.
Deane, Isaac Becker, and Joseph
Deane, respectively president, vice
president and secretary-treasurer of
the Tidewater and Old Dominion Dis-
tributing Company, Inc., and Harry
Queen, colored, their employee, who, it
is alleged, tried to evade the "dry"
laws of Virginia by shipping whisky
to that State in barrels labeled "Jar-
red Pickles," were held for the action
of the United States grand jury yester-
day by Commissioner Bond on the
charges of shipping misbranded pack-
ages in interstate commerce, and also
with selling liquor at wholesale with-
out a license. The bail of each of the
white men was continued at \$2,000,
and that of the negro at \$500.

The testimony of internal revenue
officials showed that six barrels la-
beled "Jarred Pickles" came from the
warehouse of the accused on South
Charles street. When opened at the
steamboat wharf they were found to
be filled with pint flasks of whisky.
It was testified. They were consigned
to E. E. Jones and E. Cospedge, Cle-
ment's Wharf, Va.

PLEADS FOR "DOPE"

Prisoner Breaks Down in Police
Headquarters.

"Officer, can't you do something
for me? I need some 'dope.' I've
been hitting it up pretty regularly,
and I need it."

This was the plea of Harry Thamen
just before he broke down while in
custody at police headquarters last
night.

He was removed to Emergency Hospi-
tal for treatment, and later taken
to Washington Asylum Hospital,
where he is now under medical atten-
tion.

Thamen, with Joseph Phellar, was
arrested at Ninth and G streets north-
west by Detective Kelly of Central
Office on suspicion of being a pick-
pocket. Kelly found the men with
two others at the Ninth street corner,

WITNESSES WHO ARE

TO TALK TOMORROW

List of Those Summoned for
Hearing Before House
Rules Committee.

Witnesses who are due to appear
before the Rules Committee of the
House tomorrow to testify in regard
to charges that a leak to Wall Street
occurred from the State Department
on the President's peace note, are:

Secretary of State Lansing, Joseph
P. Tumulty, secretary to the Presi-
dent; Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston;
Charles H. Sabin, president for the
Guaranty Trust Company of New
York, mentioned indirectly by Mr.
Lawson in connection with the leak;

Bernard Baruch, Otto Kahn, Judge
William M. K. O'Connell, of New York,
counsel for Congressman Gardner,
and the representatives of the Wall
Street Journal, Financial America, and
the Central News Association, who are
alleged to have sent advance informa-
tion, given out to the press in confi-
dence, of the proposed note.

ATTACK ON GALATZ

BEGUN BY GERMANS

Mackensen Sweeps on in New
Operations After Seiz-
ing Braila.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Mackensen is con-
tinuing the battle for the Sereth line
with marked success along the 100-
mile front from the Western Moldavian
mountains to the Danube. Following
the capture of Braila, the Teutonic
troops swept forward to the right bank
of the Sereth at two points between
Galatz and Focani, captured five vil-
lages that blocked their path and drove
the Russians across the river near its
confluence with the Danube.

All doubt as to whether Mackensen
would continue his operations against
the Russians and Roumanians after the
seizure of Braila was removed today
by the German official announcement.
"New operations that are intended as
being begun," the statement says, add-
ing: "Galatz is under our fire."

Odesa To Be Goal.

Undoubtedly this means a plan for
the clearing of all Moldavia and the
subsequent invasion of Bessarabia,
with Odesa the goal. This plan em-
braces a double drive against the
allied forces.

The Danube army and the major
part of the Ninth army probably will
be used to force the Danube at Reni,
east of Galatz. From this point an
important railroad runs northeast-
ward to Bender, from which town
branches lead into Jassi and Kish-
inev on the one hand, and Odessa on
the other. The first strong opposi-
tion to such a movement might be ex-
pected in the territory traversed by
Trajan's Wall, between the Pruth and
Lake Sasyk, an inlet of the Black sea.

Second Drive Planned.

The second drive, prosecuted by
Falkenhayn and von Gerck, aims at
the capture of Tuteuciu, east of the
Sereth and about the same distance
from it as Focani is on the west.

Success in the movement against
Tuteuciu would cut the Roumanian
line of communications east of the
Sereth and endanger their entire line
of defense.